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My dear Steptoe,

With reference to your letter dated December 4, 1934, I have to state that Dr. Wilhelm Filchner arrived in Shanghai from Bombay on board the S.S. "Conte Rosso" on November 5, 1934. Shortly after his arrival Filchner left for Nanking and is still there at present. His address is unknown, but according to enquiries made, mail matter addressed c/o German Consulate-General, Nanking, will reach him.

Yours sincerely,



H. N. Steptoe, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consulate-General.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 11111

REPORT

Special Branch Station,

Date December 6, 1934.

Subject (in full) Communication dated December 4, 1934 from H.B.M. Consulate-General relating to Dr. Wilhelm FILCHNER.

Made by D.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by

*S.B. Pitts*

In compliance with the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch) appearing on the attached copy of a communication dated December 4, 1934 from H.B.M. Consulate-General, I have to state that Dr. Wilhelm FILCHNER arrived in Shanghai on November 5, 1934 from Bombay as a first-class passenger on board the s.s. "Conte Rosso."

He left shortly afterwards for Nanking where he is at present. His address in Nanking is unknown, but according to enquiries made, mail matter forwarded to the German Consulate-General, Nanking will find the gentleman.

*S.B. Pitts*  
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Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch).

December 4, 1934.

My dear Givens,

I shall be grateful if you could find out for me whether or not DR. WILHELM FILCHNER actually arrived in Shanghai by the s.s. "Conte Rosso" which left Bombay on the 24th October 1934.

Filchner is a very well known scientist and explorer who in 1927 earned considerable fame by his very arduous journey from West China to Leh, during which journey he made certain observations in connection with terrestrial magnetism, his researches in connection with this being finally completed at an Indian station called Dehradun. I understand that Filchner most probably will go to North West China in the near future, *and I wish to see him before he leaves.* In order to make arrangements to this end I must know whether or not Filchner did actually come by the "Conte Rosso".

Yours sincerely

(H.N. Steptoe)

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For discreet inquiry  
and report please. Avoid  
asking assistance of  
German Authorities.

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